

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATLANTA DIVISION**

INGRID LAWRENCE SMYRNA in )	
her capacity as the personal )	
representative of the Estate of )	
ANDREW JUNIOR SMYRNA, )	
deceased; BRIA MADDOX on behalf )	
of JAI MADDOX, the minor child of )	
ANDREW SMYRNA; and ASHLEY )	
WEEMS on behalf of BROOKLYN )	
SMYRNA, the minor child of )	
ANDREW SMYRNA, )	
	CIVIL ACTION NO.
Plaintiffs, )	<u>1:21-cv-04481-AT</u>
	)
vs. )	)
	)
GEORGIA STATE TROOPER )	)
BRANDON BYRD; ATLANTA )	)
POLICE OFFICER AUBREE )	)
HORTON; TIM BURELL; JOSEPH )	)
RIVERA; HERTZ VEHICLES, LLC; )	)
and NATIONAL INSURANCE )	)
CRIME BUREAU, INC., )	)
	)
Defendants. )	)

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

COME NOW, the Parties in the above-captioned civil action and hereby file this Joint Status Report regarding their progress in resolving this case, showing this Honorable Court as follows:

Plaintiffs have settled their disputes with Defendants Hertz Vehicles, LLC and Tim Burell; Defendants National Insurance Crime Bureau, Inc. and Joseph Rivera; and Defendant Brandon Byrd. In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 29-3-3(c)(3), Plaintiffs are in the process of appointing conservators for the Minor Plaintiffs and anticipate that the same will be finalized on or before March 31, 2025,<sup>1</sup> following which Plaintiffs will submit their settlements for approval to this Court within ten (10) days thereafter. In the event there is a delay in setting up the conservatorships beyond March 31, 2025, Plaintiffs will notify the Court of the same on or before said date.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of February, 2025.

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<sup>1</sup> Plaintiffs' probate attorney has advised that he has encountered issues obtaining acknowledgements of service from the requisite family members which have delayed his filing of Plaintiffs' petitions for appointment of a conservator, but anticipates that said issues are being resolved such that Plaintiffs' petitions can be filed by the end of this week. Plaintiffs' probate attorney has advised that he anticipates that conservators will be appointed for the Minor Plaintiffs on or before March 31, 2025.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the within and foregoing  
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